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PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Borghese, Alfio

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For : Process For Preparing Intermediate Useful For The
Asymmetric Synthesis Of Duloxetine

Docket No. : X-15457

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Introductory Comments

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, entry of the following preliminary amendments is respectfully requested. An Information Disclosure Statement is included herewith.

Please amend the accompanying application as follows:

Amendment to the Specification is reflected on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.